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Agricultural Summary

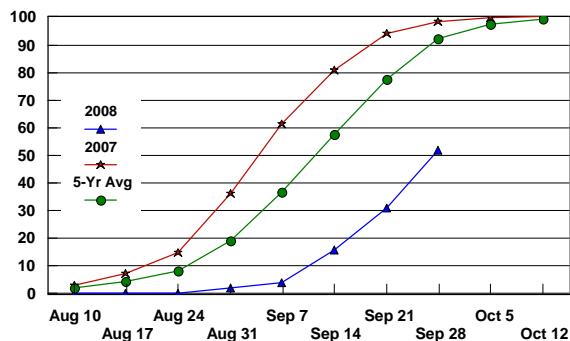
Warm temperatures this past week helped increase crop maturity, and also allowed producers to get crop harvest underway. Some producers are choosing to wait a week to harvest corn, in order to allow the crop to dry down more. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. The average temperature was 7.6 degrees above normal. The average weekly precipitation was 0.72 inch below normal.

Crop Progress

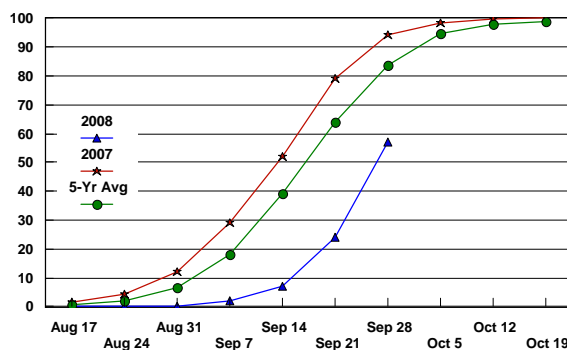
| | This Week | Last Week | 2007 | 5-Year Average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|
| September 28 | | | | |
| CORN: | | | | |
| Dent | 96 | 90 | 100 | 99 |
| Mature | 52 | 31 | 98 | 92 |
| Harvested | 4 | 1 | 56 | 32 |
| SOYBEANS: | | | | |
| Turning Yellow | 83 | 63 | 99 | 95 |
| Shedding Leaves | 57 | 24 | 94 | 84 |
| Harvested | 6 | 1 | 37 | 25 |
| SORGHUM: | | | | |
| Coloring | 82 | 74 | 100 | 97 |
| Mature | 40 | 11 | 95 | 81 |
| Harvested | 1/ | 1/ | 57 | 25 |
| WINTER WHEAT: | | | | |
| Seeding | 4 | 2 | 12 | 7 |
| Emerged | 2 | 1/ | 1 | 1 |

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Mature
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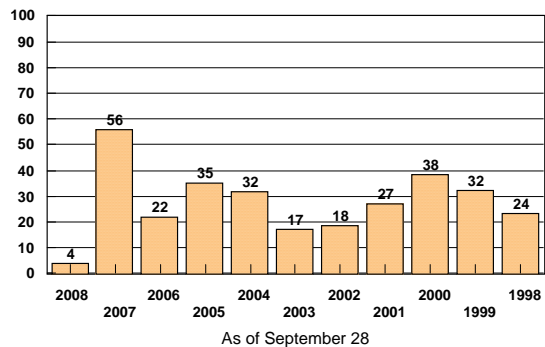
Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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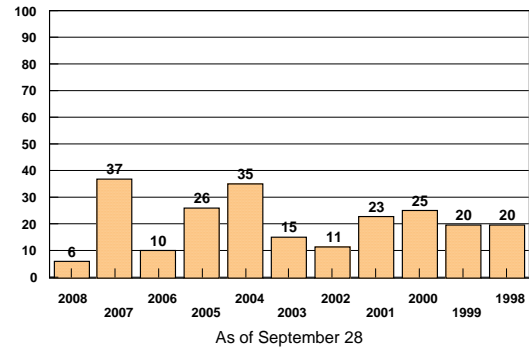
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

| District | Days Suitable for Fieldwork | Topsoil Moisture | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| | | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
| | September 22-28 | | | September 28 | |
| Northwest | 6.2 | - | 6 | 91 | 3 |
| Northeast | 6.1 | - | - | 77 | 23 |
| West | 6.9 | - | - | 92 | 8 |
| Central | 5.5 | - | 6 | 85 | 9 |
| East | 6.2 | - | 3 | 90 | 7 |
| W Southwest | 6.4 | - | 1 | 79 | 20 |
| E Southeast | 6.6 | 1 | 15 | 77 | 7 |
| Southwest | 6.1 | - | 24 | 61 | 15 |
| Southeast | 7.0 | 46 | 20 | 34 | - |
| State | 6.3 | 2 | 6 | 82 | 10 |

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Crop Conditions

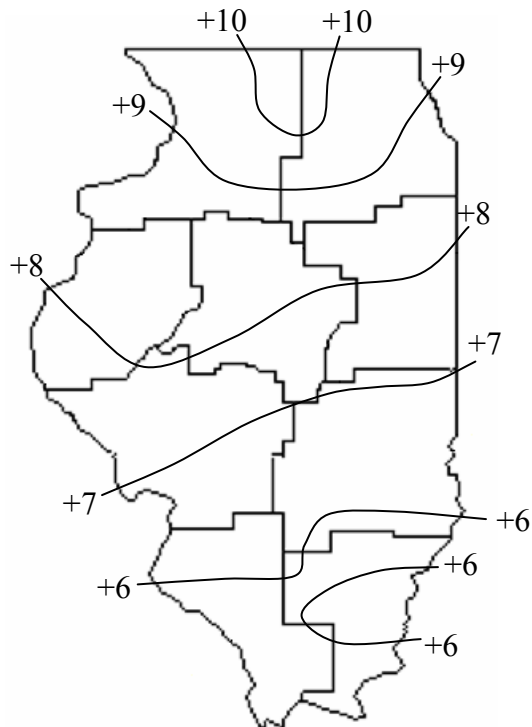
| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| September 28 | | | | | |
| Corn | 1 | 5 | 23 | 56 | 15 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 5 | 24 | 59 | 11 |
| Sorghum | - | 2 | 16 | 78 | 4 |
| Pasture | 2 | 4 | 30 | 57 | 7 |

Crop Progress by Districts

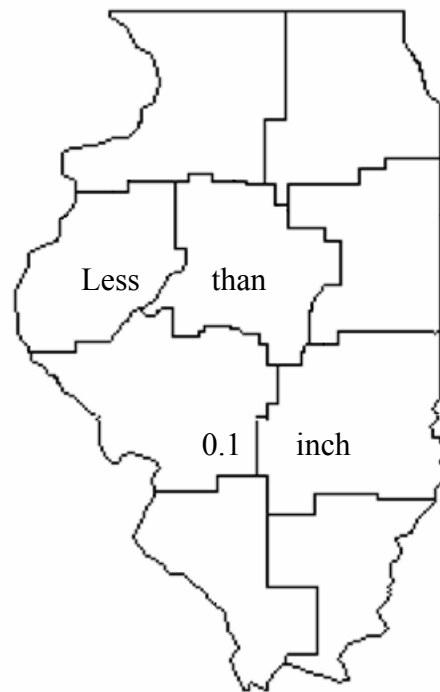
| District | Corn Dent | Corn Mature | Corn Harvested | Soybeans Turning Yellow | Soybeans Shedding Leaves | Soybeans Harvested |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| September 28 | | | | | | |
| Northwest | 91 | 44 | 2 | 92 | 67 | 4 |
| Northeast | 98 | 23 | 1 | 94 | 79 | 7 |
| West | 99 | 51 | 3 | 89 | 67 | 3 |
| Central | 93 | 71 | 3 | 90 | 65 | 3 |
| East | 100 | 51 | 1 | 81 | 59 | 11 |
| W Southwest | 97 | 51 | 5 | 68 | 30 | 5 |
| E Southeast | 96 | 55 | 7 | 77 | 49 | 8 |
| Southwest | 100 | 62 | 12 | 73 | 29 | 2 |
| Southeast | 98 | 81 | 15 | 85 | 56 | 5 |
| State | 96 | 52 | 4 | 83 | 57 | 6 |

Weather Information Table

| District | Temperature | | Precipitation | | Growing Degree Days | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Average | Departure | Total | Departure | Since May 1 | Departure |
| September 22 - 28 | | | | | | |
| Northwest | 67.5 | 9.1 | 0.06 | -0.77 | 2,628 | -99 |
| Northeast | 68.3 | 9.4 | 0.09 | -0.72 | 2,587 | -107 |
| West | 69.4 | 8.4 | 0.03 | -0.81 | 2,887 | -186 |
| Central | 68.7 | 8.0 | 0.07 | -0.63 | 2,816 | -169 |
| East | 68.2 | 7.7 | 0.03 | -0.61 | 2,807 | -123 |
| W Southwest | 69.3 | 7.2 | 0.02 | -0.69 | 3,039 | -162 |
| E Southeast | 69.0 | 6.5 | 0.07 | -0.72 | 3,126 | -94 |
| Southwest | 69.1 | 5.8 | 0.09 | -0.77 | 3,294 | -87 |
| Southeast | 70.0 | 6.2 | 0.06 | -0.78 | 3,414 | -2 |
| State | 68.8 | 7.6 | 0.06 | -0.72 | 2,938 | -117 |



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 22 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 22 - 28

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